

Westminster Legal Policy Forum conference

Next steps for the Victims Bill - supporting victims and strengthening their voice in the justice system

Timing: Morning, Friday 2nd December 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Newlove, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords; and former Victims' Commissioner (2012-2019)
- 9.05 **Priorities for victim support and the draft Victims Bill**
Claire Waxman, Victims' Commissioner for London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Factoring the lived experience of victims into policy and implementation - key issues, challenges and opportunities**
Senior representative, victims
- 9.45 **Priorities for supporting children**
Iryna Pona, Policy and Impact Manager, The Children's Society
- 9.55 **Coordination of victim services and improving delivery - joint local strategies, partnership structures, funding priorities, involving wider services, and priorities for supporting children**
Alex Mayes, External Affairs Manager, Victim Support
Grace Cowell, Barrister, One Pump Court
Joy Allen, Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham
Councillor Brenda Dacres, Deputy Mayor of Lewisham, Cabinet Member for Housing Development and Planning
Senior representative, integrated care board
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Improving accountability and oversight - monitoring compliance with the Victims' Code, data collection and sharing, and learning from the experiences of those in the support system**
Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey
Dr Susie Balderston, Research Fellow, Law, University of Strathclyde
Lisa McCrindle, Assistant Director, Policy, Communications and Strategic Influence, Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse (CSA Centre)
Fay Maxted, Chief Executive, The Survivors Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Newlove, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords; and former Victims' Commissioner (2012-2019)
- 11.25 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 **Support through the justice system - improving trust, confidence and the experience of the courts process, victims' advocacy, communication and evidence gathering, and offender management**
Martin Jones, CEO, Parole Board
Dr Charlotte Proudman, Barrister, Goldsmith Chambers
Baljit Ubhey, Director of Strategy and Policy, Crown Prosecution Service
Stephanie Needleman, Public Lawyer, JUSTICE
Senior representative, police
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for the Victims Bill - priorities for action and connecting with other key strategies and policy**
Sir Bob Neill MP, Chair, Justice Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Patrick Owen, Senior Researcher, Westminster Legal Policy Forum